

••MINUTES••

—OF THE—

**THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION**

—OF THE—

WARRIOR RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.



HELD WITH

Antioch Baptist Church,

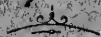
LIBERTY, ALA.,

October 16, 17, 18, 1896.

**The Next Session of the Association**

—Will Be Held With—

HARMONY BAPTIST CHURCH,



Commencing Friday Before the Third

Sunday in October, 1897,

At 11 O'clock A. M.







## **ORDER OF BUSINESS.**

- 1 Read Letters.
- 2 Elect Officers.
- 3 Call for Correspondence.
- 4 Call for Petitionary Letters.
- 5 Appoint Temporary Committees
  - 1 On Devotion.
  - 2 On Deceased Ministers.
  - 3 On Nominations.
  - 4 On Letters and Documents.
- 6 Appoint Standing Committee.
  - 1 On Sunday Schools.
  - 2 On Missions.
  - 3 On Temperance.
  - 4 On Education (including Ministerial Education.)
- 7 Appoint Delegates to State and Southern Baptist Convention
- 8 Call for the Report of the Executive Committee.
- 9 Call for the Report of the Missionary.
- 10 Call for the Reports of Committees both Temporary and Standing.
- 11 Call for the Report of the Treasurer.
- 12 Provide for Printing the Minutes.
- 13 Elect the Executive Committee.
- 14 Miscellaneous Business.
- 15 Correct and Approve the Minutes.
- 16 Adjourn.

## OFFICERS.

A. Dorman, Moderator,	McLarty, Ala.
J. B. Tidwell, Clerk,	East Lake, Ala,
I. T. Stephens, Treasurer,	Blountsville, Ala.

## STANDING COMMITTEES:

### SUNDAY SCHOOLS,

H. W. Head, H. G. B. Bynum, and J. K. Nix.

### MISSIONS,

J. B. Tidwell, J. W. Crumbley and P. G. Alldredge.

### TEMPERANCE.

S. J. Cox, Jesse Brown and S. M. Lowery.

### EDUCATION,

J. R. Dewberry, J. A. May and P. B. Mitchell.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Alexander W. H. Pastor,	Walnut Grove, Ala.
Absher W. H. Pastor	Carl. "
Burson S. R. Pastor	Oneonta, "
Bowerman E. M. Pastor	Joy, "
Bynum H. G. B. Pastor	Snead, "
Bullard John	Joy, "
Brown Jesse, Pastor,	High Mound, "
Crumbley J. W. Pastor	Oneonta, "
Cox S. J. Pastor	Gum Springs, "
Dorman A Pastor	McLarty, "
Hancock T. A.	Gum Springs, "
Howard S. O	Blountsville, "
Hughes C. C. Pastor	Blountsville, "
Head H. W. Pastor	Gum Springs, "
May J. A. Pastor	Walnu Grove, "
Patterson E. P.	Oneonta "
Smith J. P. Pastor	Liberty, "
Sims A. E. C.	Snead, "
Tidwell Francis, Pastor	Tidwell, "
Tidwell J. B. Pastor	East Lake, "
Whatley J. C. Pastor	Holly Pond, "

NOTE—Pastor is inserted after the name of those who are actually engaged in pastoral work either in this or another Association.

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# MINUTES.

## FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

LIBERTY, ALA., BLOUNT COUNTY OCT., 16, 1896.

The Warrior River Baptist Association met this day in its thirty-eighth annual session, in the meeting house of Antioch Baptist church, at 11. a. m. with Moderator Rev. A. Dorman, presiding.

After devotional exercises the introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Crumbley. Text: Mark 14:8, "She hath done what she could." The sermon was one of simplicity and power; persuading the objector to our good enterprises to let us alone, and by setting forth the glorious rewards which follow our best efforts. It was a strong appeal for a more earnest and exhaustive effort on the part of the association.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The association was called to order by the Moderator, and after devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator, brethren: S. J. Cox, W. L. Culbertson and P. G. Alldredge were appointed as reading clerks.

Letters were recieved and the names of the delegates enrolled from the churches as follows:

Antioch: Rev. S. O. Howard, L. C. Dempsey, Richard Nation and S. A. Barnett.

Austin Creek: A. L. Pass, A. R. Head and E. H. Head.

Bethel: Rev. Jesse Brown, Rev. H. G. B. Bynum, R. M. Holmes and J. N. Holmes.

Big Warrior: Not represented.

Blountsville: I. T. Stephens, Prof. J. R. Dewberry and J. R. Ellison.

Brooksville: Dr. P. G. Alldridge, C. M. Jemmisson and L. L. Hearn.

Friendship: C. M. Dyar, J. K. Nix and J. I. Hughes.

Guins Cove: James Rutherford, W. M. McAnally and J. F. Musgrove.

Harmony: Rev. J. A. May, W. L. Ellison, J. K. Nix, Wm. A. Harris and A. F. Whitley.

Holly Pond: W. A. Chance, J. F. Matson and Rev. J. C. Whatley.

Liberty: Rev. J. B. Tidwell, P. B. Mitchell, Tullie Harris, J. A. Hitt,

and S. M. Lowery.

Liberty Hill: J. W. Bryan, J. P. Chambers and W. C. Campbell.

Macedonia: Rev. Allen Dorman, J. W. Roberts and Y. B. Rhodes.

Mulberry: E. P. Dodd, R. J. Davis and C. F. Absher.

Mt Carmel: W. R. Jordan, J. Tidwell and W. J. Blalock.

Mt Pisgah: John Nix, J. W. Moody and Charles Temples.

Mt Tabor: Joshua Ratliff and T. J. Shambley.

Mt Pleasant: W. D. Redman, W. F. Ray and H. H. Turley.

New Prospect: Joseph Johnson and R. A. Allison.

Oak Grove: J. B. Jett, A. A. Pannell and J. H. Pannell.

Pine Grove: A. J. Griffin, Rev. J. W. Crumbley and Rev. J. R. Burson.

Pine Bluff: L. P. Newborn.

Sardis: Dismissed at her own request.

New Harmony, No 1: A. J. Sims, W. D. Black and William Griffin

New Harmony, No. 2: W. B. Roberts, J. M. Pass. W. L. Cannon and James McHan.

The election of officers was then ordered which resulted in the choice of A. Dorman, moderator; J. B. Tidwell, clerk and I. T. Stephens, treasurer.

Dispensed with the regular order of business and appointed a committee on devotion as follows:—Elder Francis Tidwell, P. B. Mitchell, I. T. Stephens and the Deacons of Antioch church.

Representatives of other bodies were recieved as follows:

Etowah Association: Rev. W. L. Culbertson.

Sulphur Spring's association: Rev. D. L. James.

Cullman association: Rev. G. A. Chunn.

Marshall association: J. J. Bishop.

Rev. A. E. Burns: Representative of the State Board of Missions.

No petitionary letters being presented, temporary committees were appointed as follows:

On Deceased Ministers: Rev. H. G. B. Bynum, Claude Dyer and Rufus Allison.

On Prayer Meetings: Rev. Jesse Brown, A. J. Griffin and Thomas Shambley.

On Finance: W. L. Ellison, Y. B. Rhodes and A. F. Whitley.

On State of Religion: Rev. J. C. Whatley, J. M. Pass, W. A. Alexander.

On Nomination: Joshua Ratliff, A. F. Whitley and E. K. Head.

On Letters and Documents: Prof. J. R. Dewberry; W. H. Absher and J. F. Musgrove.

Report of Committee on Devotion as follows:

Preaching to-night at 7, p. m., by Rev. W. L. Culbertson and to-



morrow (Saturday) at 11. a. m., by J. B. Tidwell.

Postponed the appointment of delegates to the State and Southern Baptist convention until to-morrow.

Adjourned until 8:30, a. m., to-morrow (the 17.) Closing prayer by Rev. G. A. Chunn.

At night Rev. W. L. Culbertson preached. Text: Esther 8:6, "For how can I endure to see the evil that shall come unto my people? or how can I endure to see the destruction of my kindness." The sermon was clear and strong: showing how love for lost souls backed by a great faith may accomplish great things.

## SECOND DAY; MORNING SESSION.

Association met at 8:30, a. m., and after devotional exercises the following standing committees were appointed, viz:

On Sunday Schools Rev. H. W. Head, J. K. Nix and H. G. B. Bynum.

On Missions: J. B. Tidwell, J. W. Crumbley and P. G. Aldredge.

On Temperance: S. J. Cox, Jesse Brown and S. M. Lowery.

On Education: J. R. Dewberry, J. A. May and P. B. Mitchell.

The following delegates were elected to the State convention, viz:

Rev. J. W. Crumbley, Rev. H. W. Head, J. A. May, J. M. Pass and P. G. Aldredge.

Elected as associational delegate to the Southern Baptist convention Prof. J. R. Dewberry with Rev. H. W. Head as alternate.

Received and adopted the report of Rev. T. A. Hancock, missionary for the Third district as follows: Under the direction of the Executive committee the Third associational district employed me to work as missionary in its bounds. The work though small has proven a successful one. I laboured as much as I possibly could in destitute localities and, during the summer, assisted in several protracted meetings, in all of which there is great reason to believe that God was present. For the above service I received \$38.91. We would recommend that each associational union appoint at its first meeting a missionary and pay him to labor in that district, giving him employment for at least one Sunday per month. Respectfully

T. A. Hancock.

Note: Bro. Hancock's report was in some way misplaced and I have written the above, which I hope will give partial satisfaction.

Clerk.

On motion it was ordered that the Sunday School report be called for to-morrow (Sunday) at 9, a. m.

On motion it was ordered that the mission discussion be the first business of the afternoon session.

Read and after discussion by G. A. Chunn, W. L. Culbertson, P. G. Aldredge and S. O. Howard adopted the report on Temperance as follows: We your Committee on Temperance presume that it is our

duty to treat of the intemperate use of intoxicants. We believe that our standard of truth, the word of God, if properly and prayerfully read will be enlightenment enough to any true christian to keep him from its pernicious use, and, if christians would thus read and try everything by the standard of truth they would soon get on higher plains of christian life and influence. Then they could dispense with making temperance reports to christian assemblies, which is degrading to say the least of it.

S. O. HOWARD, Chairman.

The committee on prayer meetings reported as follows: We see from the reading of our church letters only eight prayer meetings are reported. Brethren this is a startling state of affairs, and we do hope that the brethren will consider earnestly their duty concerning prayer in their christian system. We learn from the poet, prayer is the breath of God in man returning from whence it came. That we are to enter heaven by prayer. Respectfully,

JESSE BROWN, Chairman.

After discussion by Rev. A. E. Burns the report was adopted as submitted.

Read and adopted the report of the committee on Deceased ministers as follows: Brethren we should rejoice and be exceeding glad inasmuch as the Lord has spared the lives of all our ministers another year. We further note that there have only been twenty-three deaths in the association during the year. Let us praise God for his mercies. Respectfully,

H. G. B. BYNUM, Chairman.

Adopted the report on the State of religion as follows: Dear Brethren, we find from the reports of the various churches that the ingathering for this year is greater than has been reported at other meetings. Yet there, we should still further advance brethren, yet let us strive together for the advancement of the Masters cause that we may have still greater ingatherings in the future. Respectfully submitted,

J. C. WHALEY, Chairman.

The report of the Executive committee was submitted as follows: Owing to a lack of funds we have had no direct work done. We earnestly beg the association to come to our relief. We recommend the adoption of the plan of mission work pursued by the Third district. The churches of that district paid Bro., Hancock \$38.91 for mission work during protracted meetings in which great good was done. We recommend therefore that the Union meetings at their first session employ a missionary for at least one Sunday per month, letting the churches in each district be responsible for the pay of its missionary. We recommend also that the association consider the claims of the

State Board as represented by Bro., A. E. Burns and pay an amount thought best for that purpose. and that Bro., May be elected as an associate evangelist with Bro., Burns. The last session made it our duty to collect money to defray the expense of J. B. Tidwell to Southern Baptist convention, and at our call for fifty cents per church only seven have responded. We hope that the others will respond at once.

Respectfully submitted.

A. F. WHITLEY, Chairman.

Dr. P. G. Alldredge moved to amend the report by striking out all that report which relates to the Third district missionary and the employment of missionaries by districts.

The amendment was discussed by P. G. Alldredge and J. W. Crumbley.

Adjourned for preaching.

Sermon by J. B. Tidwell on the greatness of Jesus; reading. "Thou shalt call his name Jesus; for He shall save His people from their sins" Math. 1:21.

## SECOND DAY; AFTERNOON SESSION.

Assembled with devotional exercise by T. A. Hancock.

The report of Executive committee being still before the body it was moved by S. J. Cox to amend the amendment by adopting the report: read after inserting the amount (\$88.00,) asked for by Bro., Burns where it is recommended that we agree on an amount. After some irregular discussion this motion prevailed. The body thereby rejecting the first amendment and agreeing to pay \$88.00, (eighty-eight) dollars to State missions.

Received Bro., J. S. Robertson, as a representative of the Marshal association.

Received the letter and enrolled the messengers of Mulberry church as given above.

Permitted Bro., May to substitute Bro., Burns in his stead to preach the Missionary sermon.

The report on missions was submitted as follows:

To the Warrior River Baptist Association; First Foreign Missions. Brethren: in past ages the priest ridden countries of heathenism have persecuted the Baptist unto death. But, Baptists have now turned upon their former persecutors. But the weapons of their "warefare" are not carnal, but mighty before God" Our weapon is the sword of the Spirit. Instead of the blazing fagot we enwrap them with the warm love of hearts, divinely taught to love; instead of the dark dungeon we give them the light of the glory of God shining in the face of Jesus; instead of chains and fetters we give to them the freedom of those whom the truth makes free, and instead of death we give to them

the life which is imperishable through the preaching of Christ.

Your committee is much grieved at the progress made by our Board in only a very few years. It has only been a few years since, on account of hostility of the inhabitants, it was impossible for our missionaries to enter many of the heathen lands, but now they can with safety go any where. And, only a few years ago we could not find men who would attempt this work, but the Board now has more applicants than it has means to supply. Brethren if the Lord has opened the fields and inclined the hearts of men and women to go will we not furnish of our prosperity sufficient means for an extended effort.

We have already in these foreign fields thirty-eight males and forty-eight female missionaries and thirty-four ordained native preachers. There are ninety-eight churches with a membership of 4,295, 735, of whom were baptised last year. We also have 128 mission stations. These churches and missions contributed \$5,553.20, and the Board spent \$10,508.90, of which Alabama paid \$6,696.33. Let us pray the Lord for more wisdom, love and interest so that we may have more means.

Second: Home Missions: Fifty-two years ago, when the Southern Baptist convention was organized, the Home Mission Board was organized to help weak churches and to send the gospel to destitute places as far as the people would furnish the means. And this Board has contributed very largely to the growth of the Baptist cause in the South. Oh! what a people are these Southern Baptist hosts. They are God's host marshaling for a final contest—for the victory that enthrones our Christ over a world redeemed. No people has been dowered with more magnificent advantages than those who inhabit this beautiful South land. We have the most splendid gifts the Almighty could bestow, or the Allwise create. 'Tis here that the Almighty has concentrated every element which would tend to make a people leaders in the enlightenment of the nations. And with a continued growth of our country another century will see this country easily holding in her grasp every influence that lifts and purifies our humanity. And to us as Baptists these facts come with peculiar power. For from 1790 to 1890, the United States increased in population from 4,000,000 to 64,000,000. In the same time Baptists increased from 65,000 to 3,700,000. The Nation increased sixteen fold and the Baptists fifty-six fold. But it is estimated that one half of the population of the South, say: 10,000,000 are under Baptist influence. Deducting one fourth of this number as being under age of accountability and 2,600,000 church members, and still there are about 5,000,000 to whom we must give the gospel or they will probably not receive it.

Brethren, the world has been to our Baptist people a Golgotha. From the Master's cross down through all the dark centuries they have

followed with bleeding feet the path our Savior trod. Every land has heard the agonized cry for deliverance and the darkness has been illuminated by the light of their martyr fires. But the moans of the captive have hushed and from this land of ours shall go forth to the furthest nations, the gospel's glorious light. And now the redemption of our own land becomes the redemption of the world. The day of deliverance is at hand; let us seize it.

Last year we had 411 missionaries on the home field. They received 13,295 members. The receipts of the Board were \$223,688.54, of which Alabama paid \$4,606.51. Of the above funds \$86,209 were used to erect churches. Brethren, let us bestir ourselves so that we may by the help of God yet do more.

Third: State Missions: We think brethren that we ought no longer sail under false colors—that is: call ourselves missionary and do nothing toward missions. Last year we paid \$79.00, a little over four cents a piece for missions. Brethren, do you suppose that, if Christ should stand by the temple now and watch the people cast in money into the treasury, He would find another widow's mite. In our state mission work last year, forty men were employed who baptised 701; received 305, or letter; restored 42; collected \$2,203.87. The thirty young preachers at Howard College did a good work during school all over the state this summer. Although this is great, yet a greater work is needed. The call from destitute places is clear, strong, and from every part of the state. Who can shut up the bowels of his compassion to this cry. Respectfully submitted.

FRANCIS TIDWELL, Chairman.

The report was discussed by Rev. A. E. Burns and a mission collection amounting to \$11.50, was taken, after which the report was adopted.

Adjourned until 7, p. m., with prayer by Elder S. O. Howard.

## SECOND DAY; EVENING SESSION.

The Association re-assembled at 7, p. m.

After devotional exercises. Read and, after amendment, adopted the report of the committee on Letters and Documents as follows: Your committee would report:

1. We find that Sardis Church wishes a letter of dismission from this association. We recommend that this letter be granted.
2. We find that Mt. Pisgah Church ask us to aid in sending Bro., W. A. Alexander to school at Walnut Grove the following year. We recommend that the association help Bro., Alexander in his laudable undertaking. Respectfully,

J. R. DEWBERRY, Chairman.

Adopted the report of the committee on Finance, as follows:

## FINANCE REPORT.

Your committee on finance has recieved \$79.12, to be used as follows and divided as below :

	Minutes.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home and Indian Missions.
Antioch	2.00	4 75	1.00	
Austin Creek	1.25	2.00	2.00	
Bethel	1.05	2.60	25	
Big Warrior				
Blountsville	1.00	1.50	2.50	2.50
Brooksville	1.50	50	2.25	25
Friendship	1 50		3.85	
Guin's Cove	60			
Harmony	1.70	1.70		
Holly Pond	2.50	2.45		
Liberty	2.35	2.00	1.37	
Liberty Hill	75		1.00	
Mt. Carmel	1.25			
Mt. Pleasant	1.00			
Mt. Pisgah	1.50	1.00	1.00	
Mt. Tabor	1.50	1.00	1.70	
Mulberry	75	3 00		
Macedonia	1.00			
New Prospect	1.20			
Oak Grove	65		1.75	
Pine Grove	1.50			
Pine Bluff	60			
New Harmony, 1,	70			
New Harmony, 2,	1 50			
Sardis	70		1.00	
	<u>\$29.10</u>	<u>22.50</u>	<u>19.72</u>	<u>2.75</u>

All of which we have turned over to the Treasurer, and have his receipt. Respectfully submitted,

W. L. ELLISON. Chairman.

SUPPLEMENT TO FINANCE REPORT FOR  
MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Friendship	1.75
Liberty Hill	50
Holly Pond	2.80
	<u>\$5.05</u>

The report of the committee on Education was submitted, as follows:

### EDUCATIONAL REPORT.

We find by investigation that we as a denomination are making some advancement in education and the outlook is more hopeful for us than it has been heretofore. We as a people have been placed at a very serious disadvantage all over this section of the state on account of our lack of education and we have been very slow to realize our true situation. As to our ministers we have not a man in the association or within a radius of forty miles who has the advantage of a liberal education, but we have quite a number who are on the way to an education and who will come to our relief in the near future. As to our teachers and public instructors in this association, there are about one hundred and twenty of whom one half are either graduates or first grade teachers and about thirty-five per cent are Baptists and when we examine the schools we find that from the best information we can get that of all the pupils in all the schools in our bounds that about forty per cent are Baptist, which we think is a very fair showing, while we urge upon our people to press on in this work and give their hearty support to our home schools. We would insist that they do not forget the claims of our beloved Howard and Judson schools for the higher education of their children, and that they give their financial support to the Howard in this its time of peril.

We recommend that Bro., W. A. Alexander become the beneficiary of the ministerial educational funds for the next associational year.

H. W. HEAD, Chairman.

On motion all speeches were limited to ten minutes each.

The report was then discussed by H. W. Head, S. J. Cox, A. E. Burns and J. A. May.

On motion J. B. Tidwell was allowed unlimited time to discuss the educational question. He then discussed the question at some length. At the close of the discussion a subscription was solicited for the aid of Bro., Alexander in school, which resulted in the following pledges to be paid either in money or produce.

*Antioch	\$5.00	Mt. Pisagh	10.00
Austin Creek	3.00	Mt. Tabor	5.00
Friendship	5.00	Pine Grove	3.00
Guin's Cove	1.00	*H. W. Head	5.00
Harmony	5.00	W. D. Blach	50
Holly Pond	5.00	*J. B. Tidwell	1.00
Liberty	5.00	J. M. Pass	1.00
*Liberty Hill	3.00	W. B. Roberts	1.00
Mt. Carmel	2.50		
* Paid	Total		\$61.00

The report was then adopted.

Read and adopted the report of the Committee on nominations as follows:

We recommend that the same executive committee to wit: A. F. Whitley, Joshua Ratliff, J. W. Pate, P. B. Mitchell, Y. B. Rhodes and I. T. Stephens be retained. We also recommend Harmony Church as the place of our next meeting, and that the time of that meeting be Friday before the third Sunday in October 1897 at 11 A. M. We also further recommend Elder S. J. Cox to preach the introductory sermon.

To preach the missionary sermon Elder J. B. Tidwell, alternate Elder Francis Tidwell. Respectfully,

J. RATLIFF, chairman.

Read and adopted the report of the treasurer together with an amendment as follows:

#### TREASURY REPORT.

I. T. Stephens in account with the Warrior River Baptist Association			
A ballance on hand of State Mission fund	\$17.96	Paid to J. D. Potled	\$46.25
Oct. 16 1895.		Paid Clerk	25.80
Received from Finance Committee, minute fund	25.80	Paid for Mission fund	7.50
State Mission	28.29	Paid J. B. Tidwell	2.50
For Mission	7.00	Ballance on hand	15.67
Mission collection	15.67		
Rec'd from Blountsville church to aid J. B. Tidwell in Hanad	2.50		
Rec'd from Harmony Church to pay S. O. Howard's expenses to the State Convention	.50		
Total	<u>\$96.72</u>	Total	<u>\$96.72</u>

this 17th day of Oct. 1896.

#### AMENDMENT.

Rec'd for Bro. Hancock \$38.91. Paid to Bro. Hancock \$38.91

Respectfully submitted,

I. T. STEPHENS, treas.

Motion adopted as follows:—That the clerk be allowed \$10.00 for his services in writing and superintending the printing and destributing the minutes, and that he be instructed to prorate the minutes to the churches according to their several contributions and to have as many



minutes printed as the funds will allow.

J. B. TIDWELL, Clerk,

JOSHUA RATLIFF.

By motion the treasurer was instructed to pay to Rev. A. E. Burns all missionary funds now on hand.

Adjourned until tomorrow (Sunday) at 9. A. M.

### THIRD DAY—SUNDAY.

The Association met 9 A. M. Devotional exercises by Rev. S. R. Burson

Adopted the following resolutions of thanks:

Resolved, that we the members of this association return our sincere thanks to Antioch Church and community for hospitality to us while here and that we pray for God's richest blessings to be upon them.

Read, corrected and approved the minutes.

By motion all speeches on the Sunday school question were limited to five minutes each. The report of the committee was submitted as follows:

Your committee on Sunday Schools feel gratified to make a favorable report—finding that a large majority of our churches are waking up to the Sunday school work and many of them have good schools and are training their children to study God's word. Opposition is giving way and light is spreading to that extent that we might feel encouraged. Brethren, let us not become negligent, but let us push the Sunday School work. We would recommend that each union district hold a Sunday School celebration during the next associational year. We would further recommend that our Sunday Schools use our own literature published at Nashville, Tenn. Resp.,

S. J. Cox, Ch'man.

After discussion by S. J. Cox, D. L. James, J. K. Nix, H. W. Head W. L. Culbertson the report was adopted.

Rev. A. E. Burns preached the missionary sermon. Theme the lithiating System.

A collection for missions was taken amounting to \$19.02.

Total missionary collection \$30.52

The association then adjourned to meet again at Harmony Church (Walnut Grove, Ala.) on Friday before the third Sunday in October 1897. at 11 A. M.

J. B. TIDWELL, Clerk,

ALLEN DORMAN, Moderator.

# STATISTICS.

CHURCH.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S P O	Increased by		Decreased by			Membership	Present	Preaching Sunday
				Baptism	Letter	Restoration	Letter	Expulsion	Death		
Antioch	F. Tidwell	F P Smith	Liberty	1	4	0	7	0	4	82	3
Ansin Creek	E. M. Bowerman	A R Head	Boy	6	1	4	13	1	0	39	4
Bethel	Jesse Brown	R L Beshars	Snead	12	11	0	5	0	0	70	1
Big Warrior	not	not	not	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	0
Blountsville	G S Slom	J R Ellison	Blountsville	6	0	0	5	0	0	60	1
Brooksville	G A Chunn	P G Alldredge	Brooksville	58	4	0	10	2	3	46	4
Friendship	W P Croover	W A Carroll	Friendship	93	9	12	8	0	0	50	2
Gann's Cove	S J Cox	J F Ma-grove	Pangor	23	0	0	3	1	0	112	1
Harmony	J A May	W L Ellison	Walnut Grove	113	5	7	7	1	0	19	1
Holly Pond	J C Whatley	J F Matson	Holly Pond	128	33	26	6	1	2	178	1
Liberty	J A May	P B Mitchell	Murphree's Valley	149	8	9	10	1	4	152	2
Liberty Hill	E M Bowerman	E M Cox	Royal	101	0	1	2	3	2	96	3
Macedonia	Collier	M B Lowery	McLarty	68	0	2	1	1	1	68	2
Marberry	W H Head	E P Dodd	Gum Springs	30	4	0	5	3	0	27	2
Mt. Carmel	W A Alexander	W R Tidwell	Champion	57	0	5	13	0	0	50	1
Mt. Pisgah	W A Alexander	R R Harris	Eder	63	10	4	4	1	0	72	4
Mt. Tabor	S J Cox	J W Ratliff	Gum Springs	107	4	0	1	2	2	110	3
Mr. Pleasant	J W Crumley	W D Redman	Clarence	52	2	4	0	0	1	55	4
New Prospect	S R Burson	J B Fowler	Craig	48	1	1	0	0	0	50	1
Oak Grove	E M Bowerman	W J Spinner	Blount Springs	58	9	1	3	4	1	63	2
Pine Grove	J W Crumley	A J Griffin	Oneonta	71	1	3	0	0	0	74	2
Pine Bluff	J W Crumley	J L Rutherford	Little Warrior	35	3	6	1	0	1	42	4
Sardis	J J Clayton	E Tidwell	Little Warrior	29	7	8	13	0	1	30	4
New Harmony, No. 1.	C C Hughes	William Griffin	Joy	31	2	0	0	0	0	35	1
New Harmony, No. 2.	F Tidwell	J C Tidwell	Tidwell	73	7	3	2	1	1	79	1
Total				1683	128	126	114	26	25	1788	



